IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA **BUTTE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CR 15-25-BU-DLC

Plaintiff,

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION **CONCERNING PLEA**

VS.

BRUCE EDWARD DENNISON,

Defendant.

The Defendant, by consent, has appeared before me under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and has entered a plea of guilty to one count of possession, with the intent to distribute, heroin 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) (Count III), as set forth in the Indictment. In exchange for Defendant's plea, the United States has agreed to dismiss Count I of the Indictment.

After examining the Defendant under oath, I have made the following determinations:

- 1. That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed and voluntary plea,
 - 2. That the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charge against him and

consequences of pleading guilty to the charge,

3. That the Defendant fully understands his constitutional rights, and the

extent to which he is waiving those rights by pleading guilty, and

4. That the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea, supported by an

independent basis in fact sufficient to prove each of the essential elements of the

offense charged.

The Court further concludes that the Defendant had adequate time to review

the Plea Agreement with counsel, that he fully understands each and every

provision of the agreement and that all of the statements in the Plea Agreement are

true. Therefore, I recommend that the Defendant be adjudged guilty of Count III

of the Indictment, and that sentence be imposed. I further recommend that Count I

of the Indictment be dismissed.

This report is forwarded with the recommendation that the Court defer

a decision regarding acceptance until the Court has reviewed the Plea

Agreement and the presentence report.

DATED this 10th day of August, 2015.

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United States Magistrate Judge

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